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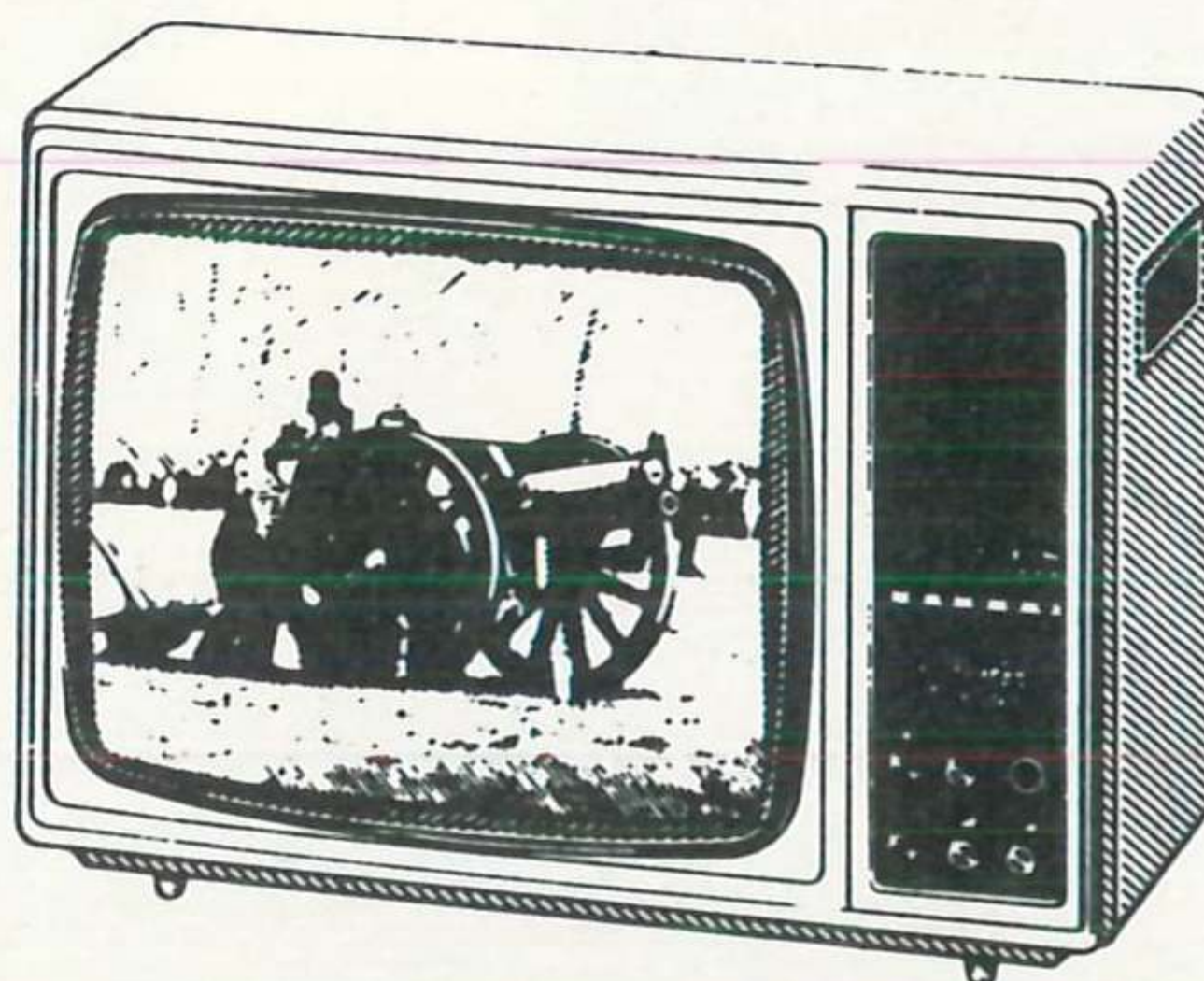
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George Mulhall writes

There is no denying that we have got ourselves into a very difficult situation.

But with maximum points from tonight's game and from the game against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday I still believe we can stay in the Second Division.

Now I know that's easier said than done but that's the incentive for the club in this last week of the season.

A lot obviously depends on the other clubs down at the bottom, what has gone on in their last couple of games, but the knowledge that the right result tonight and again on Saturday could give us an escape route means we are fairly optimistic.

Owing to print deadline times I have to write these notes before our game at Q.P.R. on Saturday so I cannot make any reference to that match.

But I know that if in these final two games the players can produce the skill they showed at Charlton last Wednesday then I will be happy.

We really did not deserve to lose that game but there you are.

The players attitude was right and there was no faulting them for commitment.

We played good football too but once again we failed to score and that lost us the match.

How often this season has that been the case!

One factor which is in our favour for those last two games is that we have already beaten the opposition — twice in Derby's case.

Our victories earlier in the season at the Baseball Ground and at Hillsborough provided two of our three away wins to date and of course we beat Derby here in the third round of the F.A. Cup in January.

In welcoming you to tonight's game, Derby fans included, I hope you enjoy the football. I hope we get the result we need and I am confident we can go into Saturday's game with everything to play for.

FRONT COVER: Alan Gowling is in determined mood as he prepares to challenge Palace defender Billy Gilbert.

round of the League Cup and it was here at Burnden Park that their FA Cup dreams ended when we scored a 3-1 third round victory over them.

Derby County, who won the FA Cup in 1946 and who were beaten in three previous finals, were last relegated from the First Division in 1980. They made a bold bid to regain their place at the first attempt last season but a dropped point at Cardiff in their penultimate match which killed their hopes and they eventually finished sixth.

Derby fans have had precious little success to savour, either in the League or Cups, since the Rams won their second League Championship in 1975 to qualify for the European Cup. Last season they disappeared at the first stage of both knockout competitions.

Like many of the old-established League clubs, of course, Derby have suffered long voids without success in the past. The club was founded in 1884 and was one of the founder members of the Football League in 1888.

Up until the Second World War they moved quite regularly between the top two divisions but it wasn't until 1946 that they won the FA Cup for what is still the only time in their history. They had been beaten in previous finals in 1888, 1899 and 1903.

With such players as Raich Carter and Peter Doherty, Derby enjoyed a few eventful years immediately after the last war but, by 1953, their great decline had begun. Two years later the Rams fell into the Third Division (North) for the first time.

It took them two years to work their way out of that division and they then spent a dozen years building for their return to the First Division in 1969. Three years later they won the League Championship for the first time. They repeated that success three years later.

Those titles were gained during the managership of Brian Clough and Dave Mackay. Since then Derby have switched managers regularly. Colin Murphy and Tommy Docherty came and went and Colin Addison inherited enormous problems when he took over in July 1979.

Not surprisingly, relegation followed a year later but the board, recognising that Mr. Addison could in no way be held responsible, gave the manager its complete backing at that stage.

Now he has taken on a new challenge at Newport and Mr. Newman has made it his prime objective to safeguard the club's Second Division status. Though the Rams may not yet be clear of trouble, they hope to keep marginally ahead of the bottom three when the final tables are drawn up.

YAKKA BANOVIC (Goalkeeper). Yakka is an Australian international who joined Derby from Heidelberg for £40,000 in August 1980. He waited patiently until February to make his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday. Yakka was born in Yugoslavia.

JOHN BARTON (Defender). John was signed on a free-transfer from Everton on the eve of this season's deadline. The Toffees had spotted him playing for Worcester City and, when they signed him in 1978, the £30,000 fee was a record for a non-League player.

FRANK SHERIDAN (Defender). Frank made his League bow against Q.P.R. at the Baseball Ground

in October 1980 and was called up again on several subsequent occasions. He has recently been settling in at centre-back.

JOHN McALLE (Defender). John has been signed on loan from Sheffield United. He spent most of his career with Wolves and, after making his League debut in 1968, completed well over 400 League appearances for the Molineux club before joining Sheffield United for £10,000 last summer.

STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender). Steve grew up with Luton Town and made his League bow for the Hatters in 1974. He won an immediate first-team spot and went on to make 123 League appearances before moving on to Derby for £150,000 in 1978.

BRIAN ATTLEY (Midfield). Brian is one of Derby's latest recruits, having joined them from Swansea for £25,000 in February. He began his career with Cardiff and moved on to Swansea for £20,000 in 1979. A versatile player, he can also play in defence.

GLENN SKIVINGTON (Midfield). Glenn was signed from Alliance League Barrow for £25,000 during the 1980 close-season and introduced to the Rams' League eleven last season.

PAUL EMSON (Midfield). Paul joined Derby from non-League Brigg Town for £5,000 and was given few outings in their First Division side in 1979/80. He began to play regularly two seasons ago.

BARRY POWELL (Midfield). Barry is a former England under-23 cap who kicked off his professional career with Wolves. He made 64 League appearances prior to his move to Coventry in 1975. He signed for Derby two seasons ago.

CHARLIE GEORGE (Forward). Charlie returned for his second spell with Derby a few weeks ago. He began his career with Arsenal and initially joined Derby for £80,000 in 1975. While with the Rams, Charlie was capped by England and twice led his club's scoring list. Southampton paid £400,000 for him in 1979 but his stay with the Saints was plagued by injuries. In 1979/80 he spent a short while on loan to Nottingham Forest. Southampton sold him to Hong Kong club Bulova for £50,000 last summer but after only a few weeks he returned home to join Bournemouth. His Dean Court stay was brief and his next stop was Derby.

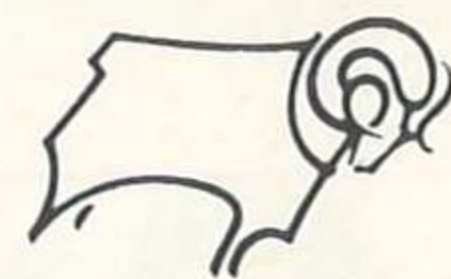
DAVID SWINDLEHURST (Forward). David signed for Derby from Crystal Palace for £400,000 towards the end of the 1979/80 season after a successful loan spell. An England under-21 international, David led Derby's scoring list last season.

KEVIN WILSON (Forward). Kevin joined Derby from Banbury United in December 1979 and was given his first run in their League eleven during the closing weeks of 1979/80. He has been included often at centre-forward this season.

KEVIN HECTOR (Forward). Kevin first joined Derby in 1966 after leading Bradford F.A.'s scoring list for four successive seasons. He was on four occasions the Rams' leading scorer and he won two England caps before leaving the Baseball Ground in 1977 to sign for Vancouver Whitecaps. He re-joined the Rams last season.

JOHN CLAYTON (Forward). John got one outing in Derby's League eleven three seasons ago but it wasn't until November last season that he was recalled to play against Cambridge but he then held his place for several weeks.

DERBY COUNTY



BACK ROW: Steve Emery, Steve Spooner (now Halifax), Tony Reid, Kevin Wilson, Frank Sheridan.
STANDING: John Newman (Manager), Mick Coop, Paul Emson, Roger Jones, Steve Cherry, Yakka Banovic, John Clayton, Alan Ramage, Gordon Guthrie (Physiotherapist).
FRONT ROW: Wayne Richards, Glenn Skivington, Steve Powell, Colin Addison (now Newport), David Swindlehurst, Kevin Hector, Keith Osgood (now Orient).

DERBY STILL NOT CLEAR

By Tony Pullein

Hapless Derby have been struggling from one crisis to another this season. Financial pressures have placed an enormous burden upon the Rams who have sold some players in order to raise cash but were unable to raise sufficient money to keep the wolf from the door. A take-over bid was on the cards at one stage.

A new share issue has been under review and it's clear that the club will have to be reconstructed in some way.

Not unnaturally, the sale of players and the general uncertainty surrounding the Baseball Ground has taken its toll on the team and results this season have been disappointing. Manager Colin Addison was dismissed in January and his assistant Johnny Newman has been chosen to succeed him.

Defender Keith Osgood was one of the players sold and he is now with Orient. But it was striker David Swindlehurst who would have raised the largest amount of cash. His old club Crystal Palace were on the point of signing him but the deal ultimately fell through. And with it went the prospect of a £475,000 windfall.

One snag was that the club's bankers wanted to use all the cash to set off against their overdraft, whereas Mr. Addison had wanted some of the cash to invest in new players.

Mr. Newman has made sweeping changes in the team. He brought in goalkeeper Yakka Banovic,

defender Ian Dalziel and striker Andy Hill for their League debuts and loaned defender Richard Money from Liverpool. When Money returned to Anfield, the new manager persuaded the board to find £25,000 to sign Swansea defender Brian Attley. But Attley has been playing in midfield just lately.

To date no fewer than 30 players have appeared in Derby's Second Division side this season. One of them was centre-back Alan Ramage, a £150,000 signing from Middlesbrough in 1980, who injured a knee at Newcastle in October and who has been told he will never play again.

Derby's latest arrivals are defenders John Barton (signed from Everton) and John McAlle (on loan from Sheffield Utd.) plus former England forward Charlie George who returned for a second spell with the Rams.

The Rams have scored only three away League victories — at Cambridge (2-1), Crystal Palace (1-0) and Chelsea (2-0).

They drew at Sheffield Wednesday (1-1), Wrexham (1-1) and Barnsley (0-0) but went down at Shrewsbury (1-4), Charlton (1-2), Newcastle (0-3), Luton (2-3), Norwich (1-4), Cardiff (0-1), Orient (2-3), Watford (1-6), Rotherham (1-2), Leicester (1-2), Q.P.R. (0-3), Blackburn (1-4) and Grimsby (0-1).

They took early exits from both Cups. They went out 2-5 on aggregate to West Ham in the second

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Club Scene

'PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS'

by Simon Marland

Tonight's meeting with Derby will be the 98th Football League game between the clubs. To date 'The Rams' have the better record having won 47 to the Wanderers 35. In fact Derby remained undefeated in fifteen consecutive games with the Wanderers between 1929 and 1938, winning fourteen and drawing one, with Bolton eventually breaking the run with a 2-1 victory at Burnden in March 1939.

We first met on the very first day of the Football League, the 8th September 1888 at Pikes Lane, with the Wanderers taking a three goal lead before going down 6-3, this being the first of sixteen Derby victories in Bolton. A crowd of around 3,000 witnessed this historical event.

Earlier this season the Wanderers won 2-0 at the Baseball Ground with goals from Gerry McElhinney and Chris Thompson, our first League victory there since 1964/65.

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together on four occasions. Derby won the first meeting in 1897 by 4-1 but the Wanderers have since gained revenge with victories in 1901, the semi final of 1904 and earlier this season.

In the League Cup our paths have crossed only once, in 1976, when the Wanderers produced a memorable 2-1 win at the Baseball Ground.

'Youth team triumph'

Well done to the Wanderers youth team who, pulled out all the stops to beat Burnley and reach the final of the Lancashire FA Youth Cup.

After being a goal down at half time they stormed back with constant second half pressure and fully deserved to equalise five minutes from time through Warren Joyce. In fact Simon Farnworth in the Wanderers goal didn't have one save to make in the second half.

The game went into extra time and the young Wanderers then came into their own. Steve Thompson gave them the lead, neatly placing the ball home after a good run. A few minutes later the Wanderers were awarded a penalty but unfortunately Thompson had his spot kick saved. During the second period of extra time the Wanderers were again awarded a penalty and this time Thompson made no mistake to give them a 3-1 victory.

Team: Farnworth, Lee, Walsh, Joyce, Darby, Kay, Thompson, saunders, Rudge, Hodgkinson, Redfearn. **Subs:** Booth & Phillips both used.

Supporters Association News

A big thank you to everyone who came to the football quiz evening. Also our thanks must go to the quizmaster Steve Battersby for arranging the questions and answers! Just for the record Alan Gowling's team defeated Peter Nicholson's team 61-54.

Tickets are still available for the trip to Wembley on May 25th for the game with the Netherlands, telephone 43651 for more details.

Also tickets for the player of the year evening on Wednesday May 12th in the executive suite are now available priced £1.50 members, £1.75 non members.

'FLASHBACK'

by Simon Marland

A look at what was happening to the Wanderers ten years ago.

2nd May 1972 Rotherham United became the first club to defeat the Wanderers in nine games by winning 2-0 before a crowd of 3,945 at Millmoor. Trevor Womble and Jimmy Mullen scoring the goals and current Wanderers keeper Jim McDonagh keeping a clean sheet in the United goal.

5th May 1972 Cup final eve brought a long trip to Plainmoor the home of Torquay United. A Don McAllister goal brings back a point in a 1-1 draw before 2,081 spectators, the smallest league attendance that the Wanderers played in front of that season, and which wasn't helped by Torquays impending relegation to Division Four.

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DANNY GREAVES IS DOING THINGS HIS WAY

BY COLIN BENSON

It is difficult enough for any youngster launching himself into a career as a professional footballer but when you are the son of one of England's greatest ever strikers, the pressures and demands are magnified, even further.

For Danny Greaves whose dad Jimmy is England's second highest goalscorer, the strains are obvious. Although he has been in the professional game for less than a year, Danny already has become acquainted with the jibes of nepotism, overt or unspoken, that can follow on the heels of a young player born to a famous father. To get away from the pressures of comparison is no easy task and yet Danny who is feeling his way with Third Division Southend United, has coped with it all in his stride.

"It isn't too bad really" he says: "Alright there is a little bit more pressure on me because of my father, but it also helps a great deal. It can work both ways. If things do go wrong for me he is always there to guide me on the right lines whereas other young players obviously do not have such backing, so being the son of Jimmy Greaves is good and bad."

Danny is quick to point out that he has not needed too much help so far in his short career but at the turn of the year he did hit a sticky patch when some timely advice was welcomed: "That is right although I tend to want to battle on my own and do things my way, it is nice to know dad is there if things do get a little out of hand."

"If he feels that there is a part of my game that is going wrong then he will try to straighten it out and we will sit down and talk about it, but he doesn't interfere. The only recent thing that sticks in the mind was a habit I developed when making runs to the near post. I was running past the goal and shutting my angle down. Dad pointed it out to me and told me to hold on a little bit and make my runs later so that when I get there I have more of the target to

aim at rather than have to flick it over my shoulder every time. He was right of course and I have put it right so that now I come in and meet the ball straight on which seems to be working well.

"But I am not too worried about things, I have just got to battle on and enjoy my game that is the secret. People are always going to say 'he's not as good as his dad' but that is up to them. I will just carry on enjoying it and hope I do as well as I want to do."

Of course the fact that Danny is also a striker lends itself to automatic comparison and this is something the young hopeful has come to accept as inevitable:

"That's right I am a striker like my dad and my job is to score goals, which is something I have always done and always enjoyed doing. There is nothing like actually putting the ball into the back of the net, it is a great thrill. It is all very well laying on goals for other people but when it hits the net and you have put it there it is a magical feeling."

"But people are always going to compare us throughout my career, all I hope is that they will come along and look, see me play and hopefully enjoy what I have to offer and come again. The fans are the most important people, they are the ones you have to please and I hope I can do that."

The young Greaves mark two, naturally has his sights set on the First Division:

"I want to go as high as I can which means playing for England" he says positively. "That would be the ultimate rather than winning the FA Cup or anything like that. Playing for my country would mean more to me, but that is a long way off yet. I am still very young, there is plenty of time, I just hope that in the next couple of years I can get into a First Division side, settle down and take it from there."

"It isn't easy in the Third Division they tend to murder you a bit. You are not given much chance, they



whack you from behind without a second thought. My dad has told me that if I can weather the storm a bit and hopefully get out of the lower league's then he feels I will become a better player the higher I go, providing my skill factor can rise with me, and he believes it can.

"He says that players will lay-off and give me more respect and with more time I can really start playing. In the Third Division they don't give you any time and if you go past them you are down, so it is difficult."

"My dad was just a naturally gifted goalscorer and that is my game too. The lads give me a bit of stick saying I am a little lazy but my game is all about scoring goals. In our practice five-a-sides I always tend to pop up and the lads want me on their side then. They forget about me not working so hard because they know I might be worth a goal or two just by hanging around."

"Goals are priceless aren't they? I might do nothing for 89 minutes and it can be 0-0 and I have had an absolute nightmare, then pop up score a goal and we walk away with three points. That is my job and if I do that twenty odd times a year then I will not be playing in this division much longer . . . that's all it needs."

If as they say goalscorers are born and not made then Danny is certainly destined for stardom. However he is sensible enough to realise that he has still a lot to learn and although his natural scoring flair has already come to the fore there is still a long way to go.

At the moment manager Dave Smith is bleeding him cautiously, but when England set about their 1986 World Cup challenge I shall not be surprised to see that famous name of Greaves on the squad list.

CYRILLE STAKES HIS CLAIM FOR SPAIN

One of the major deficiencies in the England team in recent seasons has been the inability to find a regular goalscoring forward. When Paul Mariner deflected Trevor Brooking's mis-hit shot into the Hungarian net at Wembley last November it was the first goal from an England striker in twelve months, when Mariner last scored, apart from a penalty from Kevin Keegan in Budapest.

England's demise has proved costly as well as giving rise to expectant flushes of hope everytime an English striker puts boot to ball and steers it goalwards. But the history of international football is littered with fallen idols who have failed to reproduce the scoring flair they have demonstrated in domestic football and the likes of Jimmy Greaves and Bobby Charlton only come once in a while.

The latest candidate to stake a claim for the national teams vacant scoring position is Cyrille Regis the big black bomber of West Bromwich Albion. In this the vital World Cup year, Cyrille has found his scoring touch in the First Division.

There can be few more awesome sights for a goalkeeper than the intimidating figure of this supremely strong athlete bareing down on him like a big cat closing in for the kill. The balance of suppleness, braveness and controlled power is impressive and yet there is far more to this talented strikers game than just a physical presence.

"At first people used to say I was a typical biff bang old fashioned type of centreforward", says Cyrille, "but although I tried to live up to that reputation it was not right for me and I was not producing the goods. But now I have come to terms with my style which is to run at people and things are going much better."

Cyrille is not a target man in the conventional mode, he prefers to run onto the ball and attack defences. "If the ball is not coming through to me then I will drop back pick it up deep and have a run at the opposition" he explains.

Born in French Guyana, Cyrille was playing non-League football for Hayes when West Brom snapped him up for just £10,000 in May 1977, but at what stage of his comparatively short career did he suddenly realise the way he should play!

"I think I have been struggling to find it over the past two years which have proved very disappointing for me personally. I felt I was not developing or progressing my own game but this season I feel I am playing in a much more positive fashion and am doing more of what I am best at, which is running at people with the ball.

"I like to have space in front of me but it is not essential. My strongest asset is probably my ability to turn a defence — with or without the ball — through strong running, while my heading power and the rest of my game comes naturally."

CONFIDENCE

Regis relies a lot on his natural instincts but reveals that there is no hidden mystique behind his

goalscoring spree this season. He says simply: "You either hit them right and they fly into the net, the goalkeeper saves, or they go over the bar."

But it is not only the goals that he has scored that have made their mark but his general all-round game seems to have improved and the dusky striker who many have accused of being lazy is taking a much bigger part in Albion's general play.

"That is right" confirms the man with the sledgehammer shot. "I have been creating a lot of chances for my team mates and my work rate has definitely improved, I think because my overall fitness is that much better. Scoring goals and playing for the team is the icing on the cake really."

Why is he fitter this season?

"Well I think it is because I have been in the pro game for five years now and season by season you get fitter, you work harder and you gain a great inner feeling of confidence."

That confidence was clear for all to see when Cyrille took the field as a substitute for the injured Trevor Francis against Northern Ireland in February. Two spectacular diving headers nearly brought him the reward of a debut goal, but goalkeeper Pat Jennings' dramatic dive foiled the first attempt and the second cannoned off a bewildered defender to spin away for a corner.

"I had half-an-hour and thoroughly enjoyed it" he said after the match but his proud boast was not about those dramatic near misses but simply the fact that he never gave the ball away once.

It was obvious from Ron Greenwood's reactions that he had been impressed so what of Cyrille's future with England?

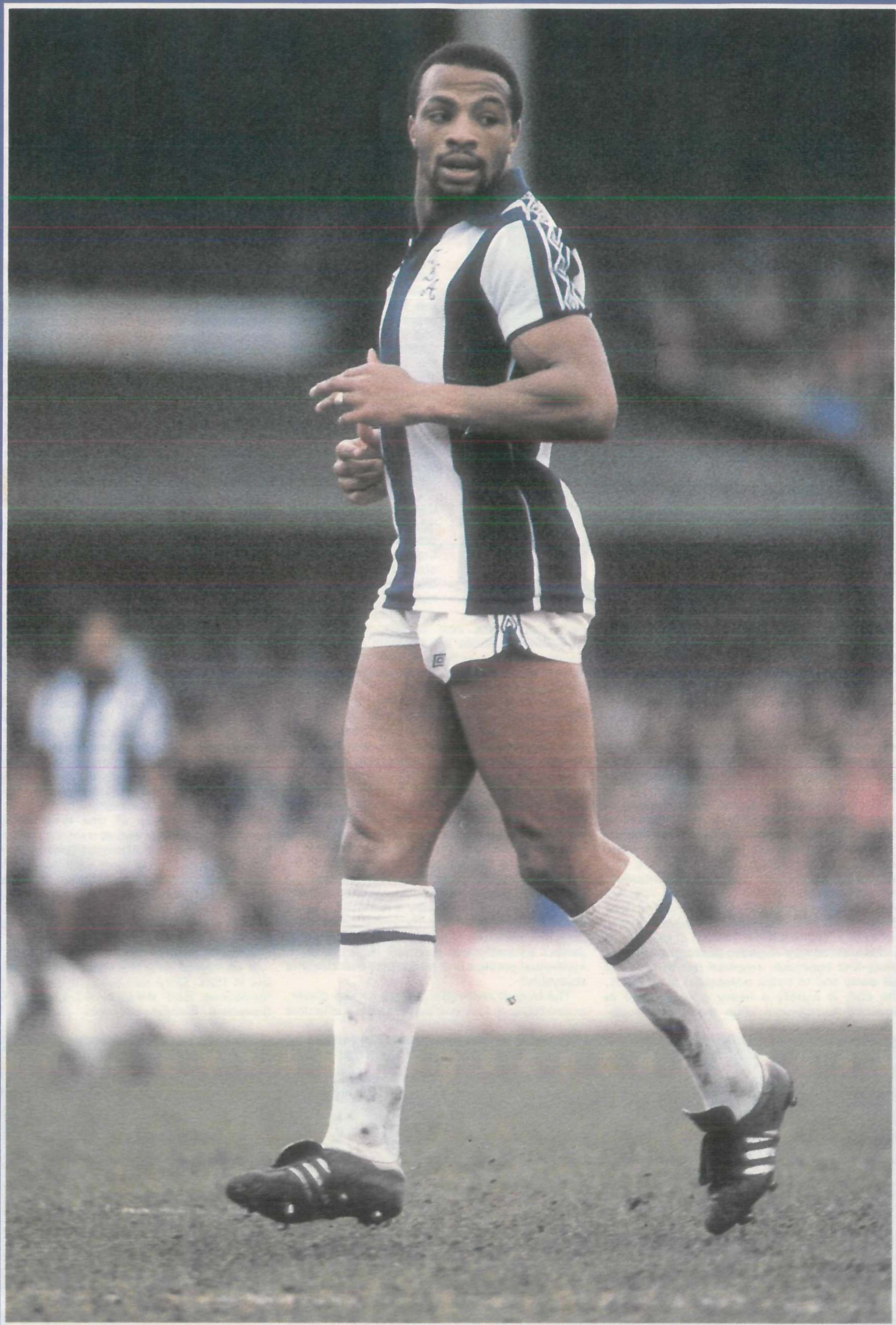
"It was just fantastic to be in the squad" enthuses the former Under-21 and "B" team player. "They are a great bunch of lads and I only hope I can get a game in Spain. I don't foresee any problems adapting to play continental teams, I have played in European competitions with West Brom and have not come up against any real obstacles, in fact I have come out alright against them."

Of course the common use of a sweeper at international level could deny Cyrille some of that valuable space he so readily makes use of, but he has no qualms: "Don Howe is a great tactician and he will work something out to combat that," he replies, adding quickly; "I am not all about running and pace you know, I have a fair bit of skill for a big fella."

And it is that skill allied to his tremendous strength that could just unlock some foreign man to man marking systems because if the attacker can lose his man the whole system collapses.

Regis is aware of this but cautions that it is not that easy to accomplish: "You have got to create an extra yard of space to collect the ball turn and take them on" he explains. "If you are static they will clobber you so you have to remain mobile. That is why Kevin (Keegan) is so good at it, because he is moving and buzzing all the time."

Ron Greenwood's forthcoming experiments which include giving Cyrille his head will obviously be interesting. "I don't even know if I will get there yet," declares the 24 year old striker who is poised to claim his place on the road to Spain.



Misguided coaching Philosophy's produce a St



Association Football stands at the crossroads. Financially, the game is on a disaster course and statistics indicate that the professional game, in this country, is losing its spectator appeal. That is a circumstance caused, no doubt, by a combination of many factors. Few, however, would oppose the proposition that the game is less exciting now than it used to be. It is not unreasonable to conclude that if any game becomes less exciting it will lose its spectator appeal. We would be wise to accept that fact as one of the root causes of the problems.

Why has the game become less exciting? The cause lies, once again, in a combination of factors. There is, however, substantial evidence that one factor has triggered off all the other factors. That one factor is that there is a vast number of coaches, no doubt well intentioned, but entirely misinformed. It is these coaches who have produced a philosophy, and from that philosophy a method of playing which is largely ineffective. The result is a method of play which is characterised by negative passing, born of a safety-first approach, resolved not to give the ball away and to retain possession at all costs. The cost is usually a heavy price, indeed in terms of excitement, since the game usually

stagnates in the middle third of the field with few shots at goal and few goalmouth incidents. The fact is that there are far fewer shots at goal now than was the case twenty or twentyfive years ago and it is therefore, not surprising to record that the goals scored have decreased in almost exactly the same proportion. With the shots and the goals has gone the excitement. With the negative passing has come boring football.

Coaches, as a breed, have made but one basic mistake but it is of cataclysmic proportions. Coaches have failed to obtain the facts. By that one default coaches have inevitably relied upon subjective assessments of teams and players and just as inevitably got those assessments substantially wrong. At the individual level the transfer market alone provides ample testimony to the correctness of the statement.

The chances of getting subjective assessments correct, with any degree of consistency, will always be long odds against and the genuine professional in any field will dismiss those odds as unacceptable no matter how expert he considers his subjective opinion to be. Thus the surgeon relies on his radiologist and his laboratory assistants to produce the results of analysis before making his diagnosis. So too, business relies on market research and analysis as the basis for commercial success.

It is ironical that so many coaches should be so pre-occupied now with the subject of motivation of players. Having coached players to play in an ineffective way it is indeed a good question: how does one motivate them? How does one persuade players to practice harder to perfect an ineffectual method? How can such ineffectual practice and match play ever become enjoyable?

The biggest motivational force for any player, or any team, is to know that practice is effective

and experience the benefits of that practice in match play. There are very few who will not continue to take medicine which they know is producing good results.

OBSESSED WITH SYSTEMS

It is the case, therefore, that where there is no measurement there can be no understanding. Our understanding of the technical and tactical aspects of football will increase and multiply the moment we determine that we shall engage in match performance analysis and thereby obtain the facts. Once the facts are known an accurate diagnosis will become possible. Once an accurate diagnosis has been made, purposeful practice should follow. The end product of purposeful practice is effective match performance. It is a contradiction in terms to produce effective match performance without restoring, with that performance, a large measure of excitement and enjoyment to the game.

The key therefore which can unlock all technical and tactical doors is match performance analysis. Fortunately, over the last thirty years one dedicated man has devoted himself to the analysis of football matches. His name is Charles Reep. He is not a coach. It is largely as a result of his work, however, that we can say with certainty that the present technical state of football is entirely reversible. There is absolutely no need to change any laws. Indeed any change of laws is likely to compound the problem.

There is clear evidence that over the last thirty years goal scoring has deteriorated. There is also clear evidence that over the whole of that period goals have been scored in exactly the same way, whether it be the Hungarians of the early 1950's, the Brazilians, West Germany, England, Real Madrid, Manchester United, Liverpool or any other team.

During the whole of that time, however, coaches, the media, and as a result, the general public, has become obsessed with systems of play. Nothing can be more calculated to be so misleading, nothing could better illustrate the attraction of peripheral factors, or factors of no importance at all and nothing could better exemplify the pseudo-technical professionalism of many football coaches, and others, than systems of play.

It all started with the change of the off-side law in 1925. Since that time we have had M W formations 'Bolt' defences 4-2-4, 4-3-3, 4-4-2, Sweepers Blanket defences, Libero's, Play-



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THE FA'S ASSISTANT
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makers and goodness knows what next. In the content of effective football it is all so much sounding brass and tinkling symbol.

The cold fact of the matter is, that over the last 30 years, as the number of consecutive passes a team makes has increased beyond three so the number of goals scored has decreased. And that has remained the case whether a team has played with or without wingers, with or without a sweeper or with or without anything else. It is also the case that coaches in general, during that time, have become more and more dedicated to the proposition of possession football. The facts are that nothing could point a team with greater certainty towards the bulls-eye of disaster. Analysis reveals that there is a very high correlation between passing the ball back and square and losing championships.

ANALYSTS

Analysis also reveals that there is a very high correlation between efficiency at set play situations i.e., corners, free kicks and throws and winning championships.

But that is by no means all. Analysis reveals, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that there is a framework of probability for both success and failure. A chain or triggering action. It is the obtaining of the facts of match performance analysis which makes possible the diagnosis and identification of this chain reaction. It is the study and implementation of the chain reaction of success which should occupy the attention of coaches and teachers of football.

The case for match performance analysis is irrefutable and the logic of the evidence compiled over the last 30 years is inescapable. Coaches will ignore the evidence and violate the

precepts at their peril.

It is not, however, the coaches to whom we should first direct our attention. Our attention should first be directed towards the analysts. This is a new dimension in the game. Just as the surgeon needs his analysts so does the coach. The ramifications are enormous and at once exciting. It is not simply the analysis of the team performance and the chain reaction towards success or failure which is important. It is also the analysis of an individual player to establish where the performer contributes to or deviates from the chain reaction of success. The significance of this for coaches, and also for scouts, is of immense importance. As a result of match performance analysis coaches are able to plan their work with greater certainty and purpose. The logical process of the chain reaction will also help coaches to determine priorities and logical sequences in their coaching. This can do no other than make all the work positive and purposeful.

The analysts do not require a technical and tactical knowledge of football and they can be either men or women. Good shorthand typists should be ideal persons for this work. Nor does a club require an army of analysts to accomplish a match performance analysis. One person can analyse two teams although that would not include an analysis of individual players. One hopes that there will be many who would like to accept the challenge and enjoyment of this work.

Association Football does indeed stand at the crossroads. Technically, we need to turn along the road of match performance analysis. Common sense requires that we follow that road. There is, however, nothing common about common sense. It is a very rare commodity.



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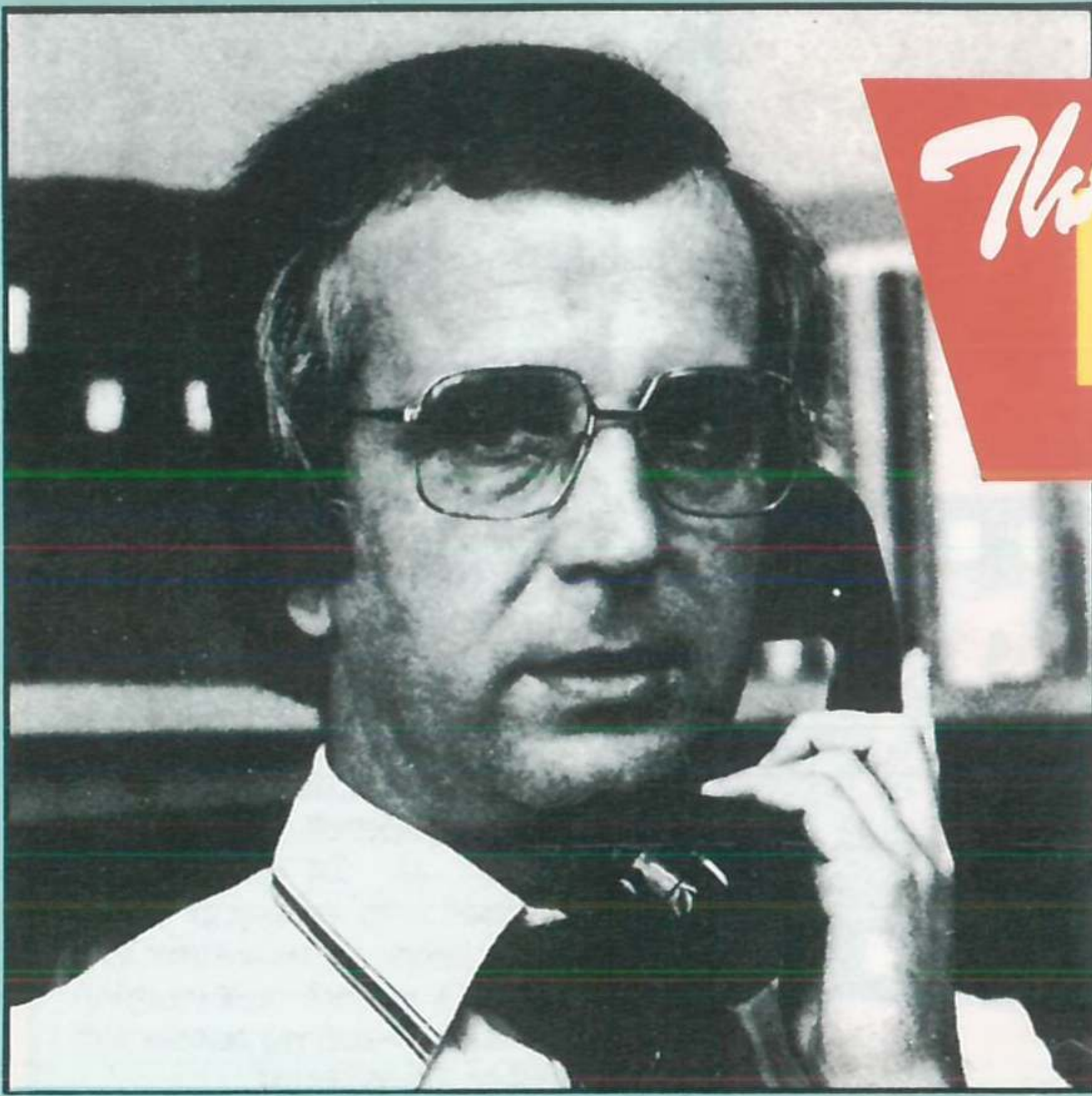
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The PAUL PARISH page

Any visit to Charlton is tinged with memories. Recollections of days when Charlton were a First Division side, of men like Hewie and Leary or the much loved Sam Bartram, and of days when you had to crane your neck to see the action from that vast terrace which seemed to reach up to the sky.

In those days — the fifties — any visit to the Valley was a day out. A trip on Woolwich Ferry, a bus through Blackwall Tunnel, maybe, and 30 years ago there was still a chance to board a London tram.

It's all changed now. The ferries are modern, the tunnel is dual carriageway, the trams a distant memory . . . and where once the happy Valley was filled now those vast terraces are sparsely populated.

that enormous bank will offer seats for all its customers.

And there have been changes in management, too. Mike Bailey, a former favourite on the field at the Valley, moved down to Brighton to replace Alan Mullery . . . and Mullery promptly accepted the vacant Charlton position.

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Bailey had eased Charlton out of the Third Division last season after just one year.

Mullery immediately made changes to the playing personnel and overall the result has caused quiet satisfaction around the Valley.

They moved quietly, unpretentiously into a challenging position for promotion. "Ten matches unbeaten — nobody has bettered that in the Second Division this season," said one proud Charlton statistician after I had watched a victory over Shrewsbury.

But you won't find Mullery dreaming impossible dreams about Charlton's outside promotion prospects. "We don't think about it," he says. "If we finish in the top eight this season then I will think we have done well."

It is not lack of ambition but plain commonsense that makes Mullery think this way. At the moment he knows his side is not ready to step back into the First Division and he

There is room in this Valley

Charlton's residence in the First Division was terminated after 21 war interrupted years in 1957. A season later they so nearly made it back to the top — ousted in the struggle for promotion by West Ham and Blackburn.

Since then Charlton have been subjected to spells in the Second and Third Divisions — and only the older fans can remember the big days at the Valley.

There is, however, a mood of optimism in this corner of south-east London that suggests that Charlton's future could have a brighter look.

Certainly the stadium is changing. Once they crammed 75,000 into the ground for a pre-war cup match with Aston Villa. That will never happen again.

Charlton are one of the leaders in converting their stadium to all-seats. The work is well advanced even though it may be a while before

knows, too, that on attendances which hover around an average of 6,000 that there will be no cash in hand to strengthen the squad.

There would be a way out, of course, if Mullery decided to sell his most powerful assets — but that would defeat the object. It doesn't stop a succession of managers and scouts visiting the Valley at every opportunity to keep a watching brief on two of Charlton's highly talented youngsters — Paul Walsh and Paul Elliott.

Walsh is one of the most talked about young men in the Second Division. An England youth international of outstanding ability for his age — and a young man that Mullery steadfastly maintains will not be leaving Charlton, at any price.

He's quick, he's nimble and he can finish and it really is no wonder that he is the most sought

after young man in the Division.

Yet at Charlton — on the terraces — there is a feeling that in the long run the tall, powerful central defender, Paul Elliott, is an even better prospect.

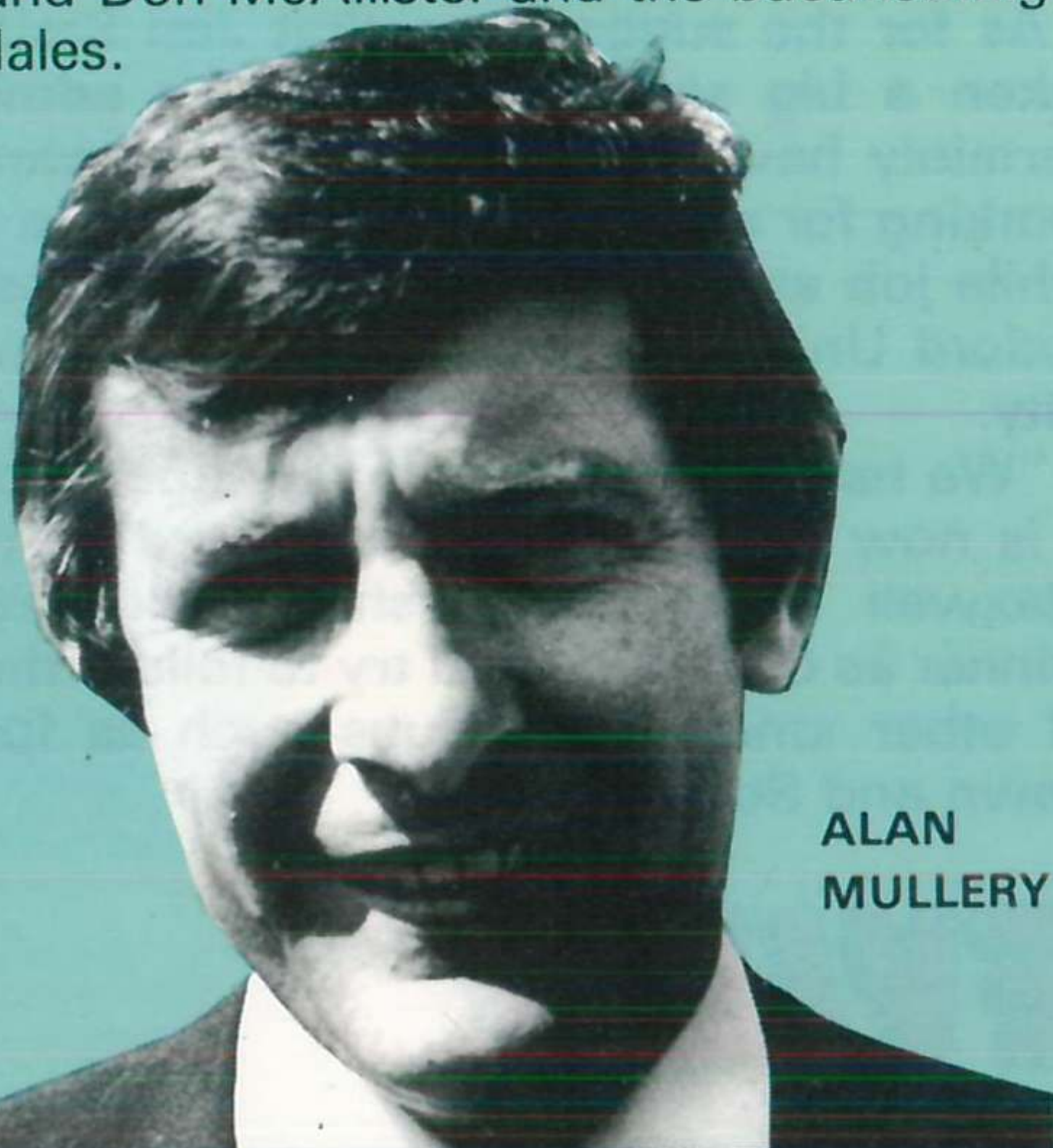
BLEND

At the moment Elliott is raw and his enthusiasm compensates for a lack of those niceties that only come with experience. He has, however, the same ability as someone like David O'Leary to recover from mistakes with an electrifying turn of pace.

Obviously playing alongside the experienced Leighton Phillips has done much to further Elliott's career. "Of all the buys Alan Mullery has made Phillips has got to be the best," said my new found friend at the Valley.

The man who had helped Swansea in their climb to the First Division has been a bargain buy for Mullery and Charlton, and with his experience at both club and international level he was the obvious candidate for the team captaincy at the Valley.

The side is an intriguing combination of youth and experience. On the one side are Walsh, Elliott and the very promising Leroy Ambrose, whose best years lie ahead. Providing the mature balance are Phillips, ex-Tottenham men Terry Naylor and Don McAllister and the bucaneeering Derek Hales.



ALAN
MULLERY

Hales, remember, was the scoring sensation of the Valley before he sought fame and fortune first with Derby and later with West Ham. He eventually returned home to Charlton and the old goal touch quickly returned.

These are early days to talk of revival and a First Division future but there must be cause for some optimism.

Alas — and this is a trouble by no means peculiar to Charlton — they could do with more people through the turnstiles. When I last saw them there were only 4,500 in the Valley — and even allowing for the overall cut back in accommodation it still left the terraces looking very bleak . . . and remember that was after a run of 10 matches without defeat.

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And the Headington Club who, within five years of their election to the Football League in 1962, were lining up in the Second Division, stand to benefit much more from the new Chairman's business acumen than from his vast wealth.

The rehabilitation of Oxford United will be run strictly on tight business lines, with the Manager responsible only for team affairs and not the clubs finances. Mr. Maxwell intends modelling the whole operation on the lines of Ipswich Town who have emerged from the back woods of Suffolk to challenge Europe's best.

One of the priorities is to produce an entertaining team and so it was fitting that Birmingham City's sacked boss, Jim Smith, should be appointed at the beginning of March. Smith, 41, whose managerial career started in 1968 with Boston, took Colchester from the Fourth Division to the Third and Birmingham, up to the First Division, and can also claim to have laid foundations for Blackburns rise.



His approach has always been positive and the Headington crowd can look forward to watching some attractive football once the new boss makes his mark.

As for the suggestions that Jim Smith has taken a big step backwards, he admits; "I certainly have not made a step forward, but working for a Football League Club is a worthwhile job at any level and in a lot of aspects Oxford United are way ahead of Birmingham City.

"We have the basis of a very good side and it is now my job to get the blend right. The Maxwell Smith partnership could prove a winner as Oxford United try to follow the path of other small town clubs such as Ipswich Town and Southampton.

BOOK REVIEW

The HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP

by Brian GLANVILLE. Published by Faber Paperbacks Price £2.95

Anything from Brian Glanville's pen always carries authority and this reissued publication is no exception. It traces the origins of the world's most prestigious football tournament bringing to life some of the more relevant encounters. Written in a style which captivates the reader this book is a must for every football fan.

WELCOME TO SPAIN

A Collins Travel Guide by R.A.N. Dixon Price £1.95

It has been a long and arduous road to the Finals in Spain for the 24 competing teams but now that they are there the fans will follow in their thousands. For the British contingent Collins have come up with this useful little pocket book containing Regional maps in colour, plans of towns and information on places of interest. In addition it covers food and drink, with leisure and activity guides. If you are thinking of driving to Spain for the World Cup or on holiday this guide could prove a useful help.

BRIAN GLANVILLE'S BOOK OF FOOTBALLERS

Published by Puffin Books Paperback £1.25

This is a personal selection of Mr. Glanville's greatest players, past and present. They are dealt with alphabetically starting with Julio Cesar Abbadie (Uruguay), "He came, saw and conquered in the World Cup Finals of 1954," and finishing with the great Dino Zoff of Italy. In between there are heroes such as Ardiles, Keegan and Kempes and some legendary greats such as Steve Bloomer and Lord Kinnaird, whose wife once expressed her fears to a friend that he might come home with a broken leg, only to be reassured: "Don't worry, it won't be his."

Once again this is an enjoyable read my only criticism is that it would have been nice to include some statistical information about these great stars careers.

ENGLAND WORLD CUP '82

Edited by Bob Harris. Published by the Whitethorn Press Limited Price £3.95

This is a beautifully presented preview of Englands hopefuls for the World Cup Final in Spain. Packed full of facts and features of Ron Greenwood's star players, there is a synopsis of Englands route to Spain interjected by an interesting series by David Lacey of great personalities from previous tournaments. The picture content is superb, the only regret is that there was not more space for Jeff Powell (Daily Mail) to develop his chapter of Englands rivals.

BOLTON RECORD

Part 65
Season 1963/64

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	1-1	3-4
Aston Villa	1-1	0-3
Birmingham	0-2	1-2
Blackburn	0-5	0-3
Blackpool	1-1	0-2
Burnley	2-1	1-1
Chelsea	1-0	0-4
Everton	1-3	0-2
Fulham	2-1	1-3
Ipswich	6-0	3-1
Leicester	0-0	0-1
Liverpool	1-2	0-2
Manchester United	0-1	0-5
Nottingham Forest	2-3	1-3
Sheffield United	3-0	1-0
Sheffield Wednesday	3-0	0-3
Stoke City	3-4	1-0
Tottenham	1-3	0-1
W.B.A.	1-2	1-1
West Ham	1-1	3-2
Wolves	0-4	2-2

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3— Bath City (a)	1-1
(h)	3-0
4— Preston (h)	2-2
(a)	1-2

LEAGUE CUP

Rd. 2— Sheffield United (a)	2-1
3— Stoke (a)	0-3

LEAGUE SCORERS

Lee	12	Davies	7
Taylor	6	Bromley	4
Butler	3	Deakin	3
Hatton	2	Hill	2
Lennard	2	Pilkington	2
Rimmer	2	Davison	1
Opponents	2		

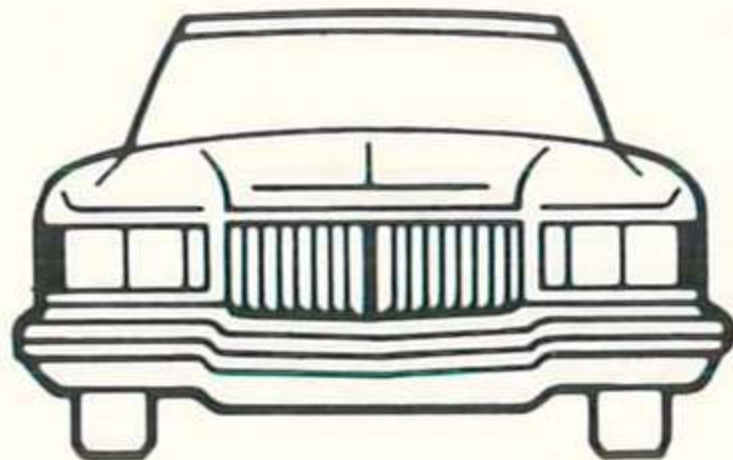
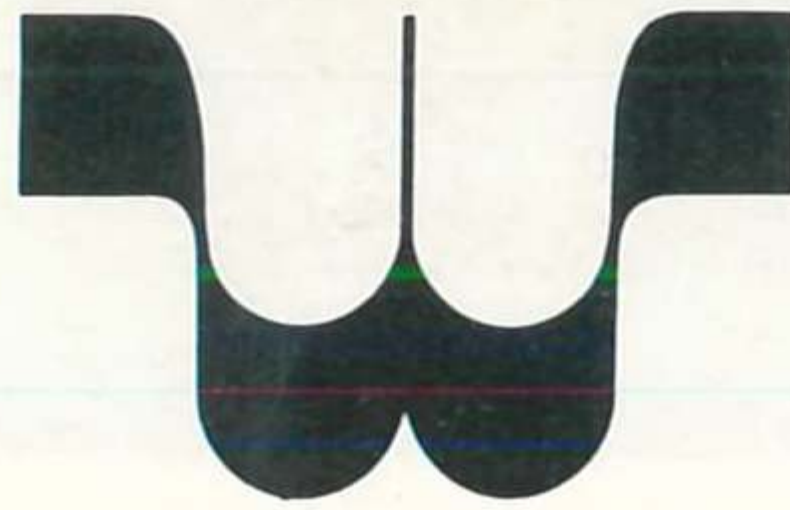
FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Birch, B.	5	Bromley, B.	18
Butler, D.	14	Cooper, C.	2
Davies, W.	23	Deakin, P.	18
Davison, J.	21	Edwards, B.	23
Farrimond, S.	31	Hartle, R.	41
Hatton, D.	29	Hill, F.	29
Hopkinson, E.	31	Hulme, J.	20
Lee, F.	34	Lennard, D.	37
Pilkington, B.	13	Redrobe, W.	2
Rimmer, W.	24	Russell, B.	5
Smith, A.	11	Stanley, G.	7
Taylor, G.	24		

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	26	5	11	92	45	57
Manchester Utd.	42	23	7	12	90	62	53
Everton	42	21	10	11	84	64	52
Tottenham H.	42	22	7	13	97	81	51
Chelsea	42	20	10	12	72	56	50
Sheffield Wed.	42	19	11	12	84	67	49
Blackburn R.	42	18	10	14	89	65	46
Arsenal	42	17	11	14	90	82	45
Burnley	42	17	10	15	71	64	44
W.B.A.	42	16	11	15	70	61	43
Leicester City	42	16	11	15	61	58	43
Sheffield Utd.	42	16	11	15	61	64	43
Nottingham F.	42	16	9	17	64	68	41
West Ham Utd.	42	14	12	16	69	74	40
Fulham	42	13	13	16	58	65	39
Wolves	42	12	15	15	70	80	39
Stoke City	42	14	10	18	77	78	38
Blackpool	42	13	9	20	52	73	35
Aston Villa	42	11	12	19	62	71	34
Birmingham City	42	11	7	24	54	92	29
Bolton W.	42	10	8	24	48	80	28
Ipswich Town	42	9	7	26	56	121	25

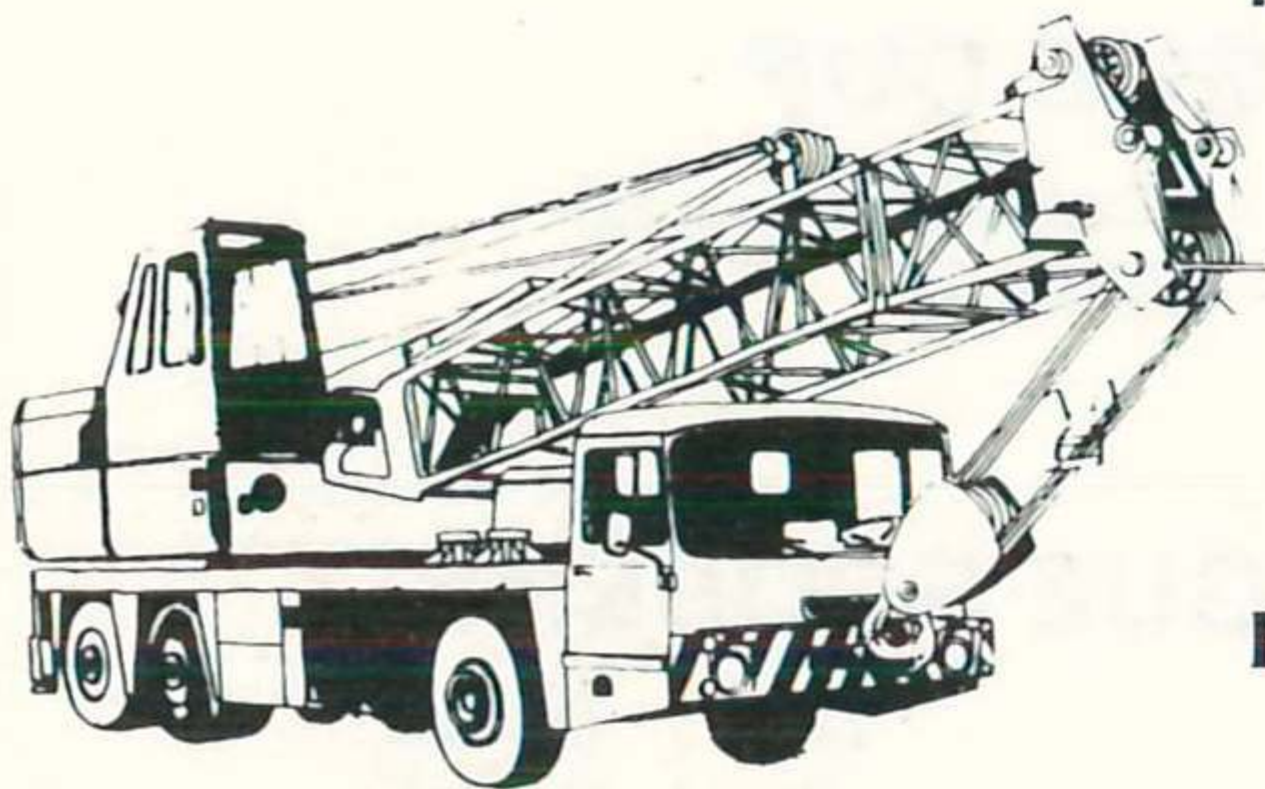
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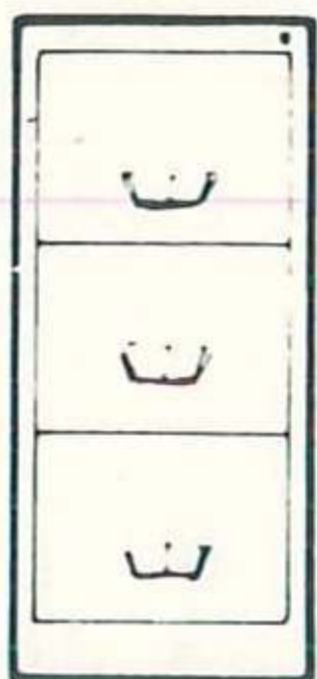
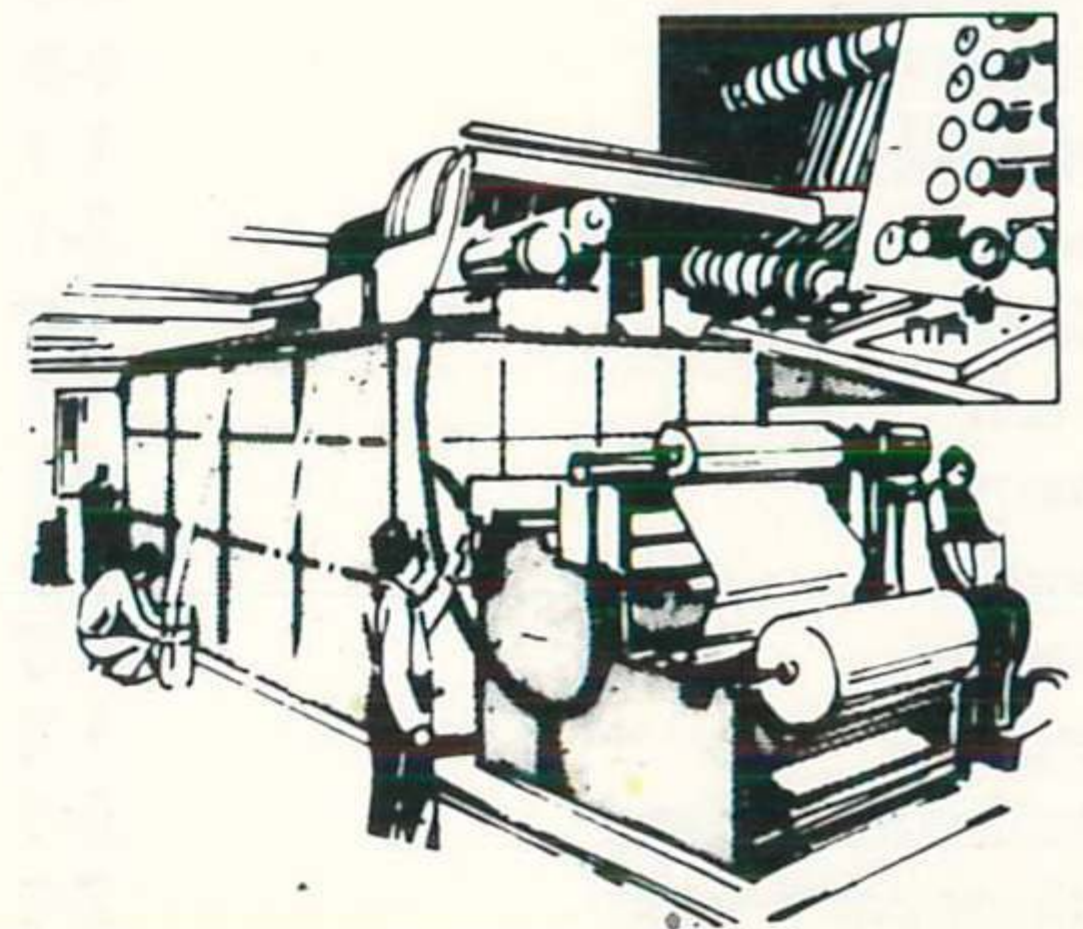
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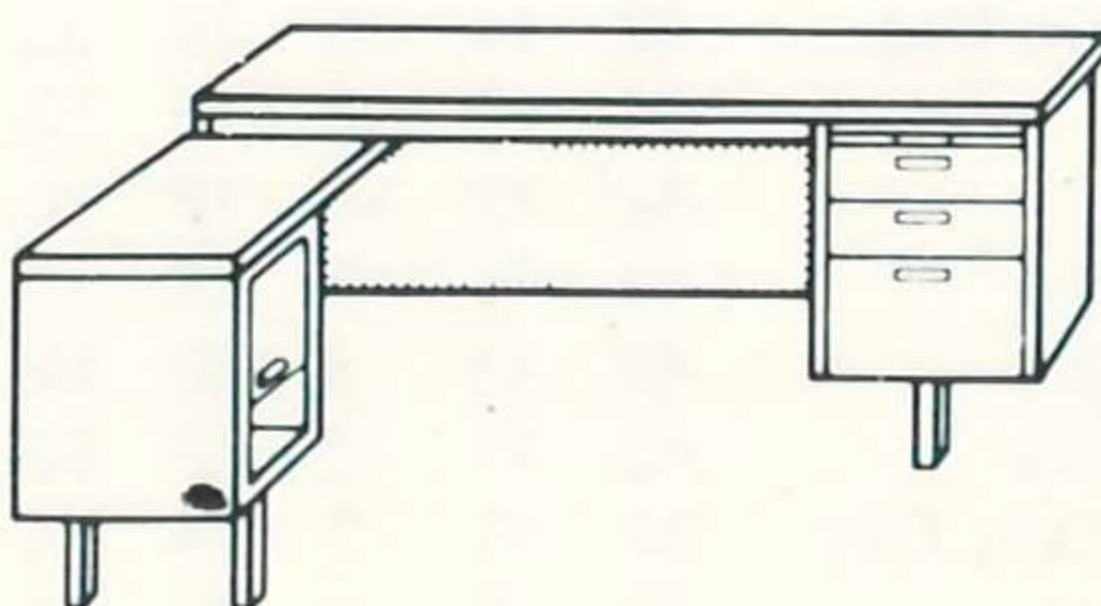
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THAT'S MINE! Chris Thompson makes no mistake to head home the first of his two goals in the win at Blackburn on Easter Monday.



IT'S THERE . . . Chris Thompson slides in for his second goal in the win at Blackburn.

Burnden Park NEWS

HELPING THE DISABLED

Football is doing more and more for disabled fans. For example, Barnsley have built a splendid new enclosure, and the Grimsby Town Handicapped Supporters' Club continues to flourish in an almost unique way. Grimsby take a coach-load of handicapped supporters to nearly every away game though trips to London rarely return them to Humberside until the early hours of Sunday morning.

Mr. Bob Jones, chairman of the club, says modestly: "The club was formed at the beginning of last season when we visited 14 away grounds, and we've done even better this time.

"We have to travel by coach, of course. Usually we take between 14 and 20 disabled between the ages of 12 and the middle thirties, and some two dozen helpers. All we charge them is £2 per head, so we make a loss on almost every trip.

"How do we make up the difference? Grimsby's players and management are among our keenest supporters. They regularly turn up to all the fund-raising functions we organise. They look upon it as a return for the support our disabled fans give them at Blundell Park and elsewhere.

"I ring up the next visiting club about a fortnight before the match to arrange tickets and smooth out any obvious problems about getting into the ground and, usually, they are all marvellously co-operative. Cambridge United, for instance, were magnificent. They have the smallest ground in the League but insisted that we were their guests. And Orient, when Grimsby's match at Charlton was called off, accommodated us at the last minute".

Secretary of the Grimsby club is Mrs. Daphne Farquahson, whose husband died while pushing his disabled son, in his wheel-chair, towards Blundell Park. "She does all the work", says Mr. Jones, "and gets very little of the glory".

Bolton Wanderers also whole heartedly agree that helping the disabled should have the upmost priority.

Central League Innovations

At an extra-ordinary general meeting of the Central League held on Thursday last, exciting innovations were made to the league structure. It was decided to form 2 divisions next season with up to 16 teams in each division. Games would be competitive with promotion and relegation 4 up and 4 down. Bolton Wanderers are 100% behind these changes and look forward with enthusiasm to the new format. Games will be played mid-week but the final structure will be decided at the forthcoming central league annual general meeting.



ALAN GOWLING



Paul Jones takes a ride on Wayne Foster's back to get in a forceful header in the Wrexham game.

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1981/82	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug Sept	Chelsea LC1 (1L) Oldham Luton Town	16,606 5,156 6,911	0 2 1	2 1 2	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Nicholson Nicholson Nicholson	Brennan Bennett Bennett	McElhinney McElhinney McElhinney	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Thomas Thomas Thomas	Thompson Kidd Kidd	Hoggan Hoggan Hoggan	Cantello Cantello Cantello	Reid Reid Reid	Nikolic Thompson Thompson
	Barnsley LC1 (2L) Oldham Oldham Athletic	13,844 4,779 7,222	0 2 0	3 4 2	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Nicholson Henry Nicholson	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Brennan Brennan Brennan	Jones McElhinney McElhinney	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Nikolic Thompson Thompson	Kidd Kidd Kidd	Hoggan Hoggan Hoggan	Thompson† Thompson† Thompson†	Reid Carter Carter	Thompson Thompson Thompson
Oct.	Derby County Rotherham United Newcastle United	12,066 6,998 6,429	2 0 1	0 2 2	McDonagh Peacock Peacock	Henry Jones Jones	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	McElhinney McElhinney McElhinney	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Kidd Carter Carter	Thompson Hoggan Hoggan	Cantello Cantello Cantello	Carter Hebberd Hebberd	Nicholson Carter Foster
	Grimsby Town Leicester City Cardiff City	7,361 3,879 5,751	0 1 3	3 2 4	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Henry Bennett Whitworth	Bennett Brennan† Whitworth	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Kidd Kidd Kidd	Thompson Thomas Hoggan	Cantello Hoggan Cantello	Hebberd Bennett Thompson	Thompson Foster Thomas
Nov	Cambridge United Norwich City Watford	12,991 7,066 4,062	0 2 0	0 2 2	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Kidd Kidd Kidd	Thompson Hoggan Hoggan	Cantello Hoggan Cantello	Hebberd Thompson Thompson	Thompson Foster Thomas
	Shrewsbury Town Orient Luton Town	5,737 8,889 8,839	1 0 0	2 2 1	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bailey Bailey Bailey	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Thompson† Thompson† Foster	Carter Carter Carter	Cantello Cantello Cantello	Hoggan Hoggan Hoggan	Foster Foster Foster
Dec	Crystal Palace Queens Park Rangers Charlton Athletic	6,076 5,085 16,577	1 2 2	0 0 2	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bailey Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Foster Foster Foster	Carter Carter Carter	Cantello Cantello Cantello	Hoggan Hoggan Hoggan	Thompson Thompson Thompson
	Blackburn Rovers Derby County (FAC3) Chelsea	9,534 7,278 9,719	3 2 0	1 2 1	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	McElhinney McElhinney McElhinney	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Foster Foster Foster	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Langley Langley Langley	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Langley Carter Taylor
Jan	Crystal Palace (FAC4) Oldham Athletic Newcastle United	9,271 14,361 11,680	1 0 2	1 2 1	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Doyle Doyle Doyle	Chandler Hoggan Chandler	Foster Foster Foster	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Langley Langley Langley	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Hoggan Hoggan Hoggan
Feb	Barnsley Sheffield Wednesday Rotherham United	16,555 9,466 10,678	1 0 0	1 1 1	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bennett Bennett Nicholson	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	McElhinney Gowling Doyle	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Foster Foster Foster	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Langley Langley Langley	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Hoggan Hoggan Hoggan
	Leicester City Grimsby Town Cardiff City (6)	6,525 6,269 3,202	1 1 2	1 0 2	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Doyle Doyle Doyle	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Foster Foster Foster	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Langley Langley Langley	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Carter Berry Berry
Mar	Cambridge United (LCF) Norwich City Watford	3,430 6,199 12,937	1 0 0	2 1 3	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Nicholson Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Doyle† McElhinney McElhinney	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Berry Foster Foster	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Bennett Hoggan Hoggan	Thompson Langley Langley	Nicholson Langley Berry
April	Shrewsbury Town (SF) Wrexham Blackburn Rovers	5,833 6,221 11,912	1 2 2	0 0 0	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Whitworth Whitworth Whitworth	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Chandler Chandler Chandler	Cantello Cantello Cantello	Gowling Foster Foster	Reid Reid Reid	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Langley Hoggan Hoggan
	Orient Crystal Palace Queens Park Rangers	2,851 6,280 3,379	0 0 0	3 0 1	McDonagh McDonagh McDonagh	Berry Whitworth McElhinney	Bennett Bennett Bennett	Henry Henry Henry	Jones Jones Jones	Gowling Gowling Gowling	Chandler Chandler Hoggan	Cantello Cantello Cantello	Foster Foster Foster	Reid Reid Reid	Thompson Thompson Thompson	McElhinney Chandler Chandler
May	Derby County Sheffield Wednesday F.A. Cup Final															
	Charlton Athletic															

BURNDEN DATES
LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
SATURDAY 8th MAY 1982
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

FULL DETAILS OF SEASON TICKET PRICES FOR NEXT SEASON WILL BE GIVEN IN OUR FINAL MATCH PROGRAMME ON SATURDAY.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Wednesday 28th April 1982)

	P	HOME			GOALS			AWAY	GOALS			
		W	D	L	F	A	Pts		W	D	L	F
Luton Town	37	14	2	2	40	15	7	10	2	33	24	75
Watford	38	11	6	2	41	15	10	4	5	27	22	73
Sheffield Wednesday	38	9	7	3	29	22	10	1	8	21	23	65
Leicester City	36	12	4	2	29	13	5	7	6	22	23	62
Norwich City	38	12	3	4	37	18	7	2	10	18	28	62
Barnsley	38	12	4	3	30	12	5	5	9	23	25	60
Queens Park Rangers	37	13	4	2	31	7	5	2	11	19	28	60
Rotherham United	38	12	4	3	36	16	6	2	11	20	31	60
Newcastle United	38	13	4	2	26	8	3	4	12	19	31	56
Blackburn Rovers	38	10	3	6	21	13	5	7	7	20	23	55
Chelsea	38	10	4	5	34	26	5	5	9	22	29	54
Oldham Athletic	38	8	8	3	26	22	5	5	9	18	26	52
Charlton Athletic	39	11	4	5	32	21	2	7	10	17	38	50
Derby County	38	8	7	4	29	21	3	3	13	18	41	43
Crystal Palace	37	8	2	8	21	21	3	7	9	8	18	42
Cambridge United	38	9	4	6	26	19	2	4	13	16	32	41
Grimsby Town	37	4	8	7	27	28	5	5	8	21	30	40
Wrexham	37	8	3	8	19	20	2	7	9	15	26	40
Cardiff City	38	9	2	8	26	28	2	5	12	16	29	40
Bolton Wanderers	39	8	4	7	22	21	3	3	14	10	30	40
Shrewsbury Town	38	8	6	5	23	19	1	6	12	10	34	39
Orient	37	5	8	5	19	19	4	0	15	11	33	35

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1981-82	F	A
Aug.	0	4
Sept.	0	6
	1	6
	1	1
	0	3
Oct.	1	4
	1	4
	1	3
	1	2
Nov.	2	1
	1	1
	3	4
	3	3
	0	3
	1	2
	1	2
Dec.	2	3
	1	7
1982	1	1
Jan.	4	4
	2	4
	0	1
	3	0
Feb.	0	0
	1	1
	2	3
	0	2
Mar.	0	4
	3	4
	0	1
	0	5
Apr.	2	3
	3	0
May	2	5

TODAYS REFEREE

OWEN, GWYN P. (Anglesey). Commenced refereeing in the Anglesey League in 1961, then continued via Welsh League (North) and Welsh League to the Football League's referees' list. Refereed the Scotland v. Northern Ireland Amateur International in 1972. Lined the 1970 England v. Scotland Under-23 match, a Football League Cup Semi-Final in 1972 and many U.E.F.A. and European Cup matches. In 1980 refereed the England v. Northern Ireland International and was appointed to the F.I.F.A. panel of referees in the same year.

A married man, with three children, he is Headmaster of Llanddona Primary School. Has a caravan business, farms and is a part-time soccer reporter on B.B.C. Radio and Television — Welsh speaking programmes. First tenor local male voice choir.

LINESMEN:
A. Jones (Wirral)
Red Flag
G. H. Rice (Aughton)
Yellow Flag



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Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Gerry McElhinney
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Alan Gowling
- 7 Dave Hoggan
- 8 Len Cantello
- 9 Wayne Foster
- 10 Peter Reid
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

Derby County

- 1 Yakka Banovic
- 2 John Barton
- 3 Steve Buckley
- 4 Glenn Skivington
- 5 Frank Sheridan
- 6 John McAlle
- 7 Barry Powell
- 8 Brian Attley
- 9 Charlie George
- 10 David Swindlehurst
- 11 Paul Emson
- 12

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY ARSENAL		
B	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
C	EVERTON LEEDS UNITED		
D	MIDDLESBROUGH LIVERPOOL		
E	SOUTHAMPTON COVENTRY CITY		
F	WEST HAM UNITED SUNDERLAND		
G	BARNSLEY LEICESTER CITY		
H	CAMBRIDGE UNITED BLACKBURN ROVERS		
I	OLDHAM ATHLETIC CHARLTON ATHLETIC		
J	ROTHERHAM UNITED SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
K	SHREWSBURY TOWN CRYSTAL PALACE		
L	WATFORD WREXHAM		
M	BURNLEY CARLISLE UNITED		
N	DONCASTER ROVERS SOUTHEND UNITED		
O	GILLINGHAM LINCOLN CITY		
P	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN BRISTOL CITY		
Q	MILLWALL CHESTERFIELD		
R	PRESTON NORTH END NEWPORT COUNTY		
S	SWINDON TOWN OXFORD UNITED		
T	HULL CITY BLACKPOOL		
U	SCUNTHORPE UNITED BURY		
V	SHEFFIELD UNITED ROCHDALE		
W	TRANMERE ROVERS STOCKPORT COUNTY		
X	YORK CITY ALDERSHOT		

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